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The current version of the Extensive Riparian Status and Trend Monitoring Program has a file date of May 5, 2007. This document is still designated "Draft" because the vegetation assessment component of the study is still being revised. The temperature monitoring portion of the study is complete and temperature monitoring has begun (2007). Execution of this component and the methods used are independent of the vegetation assessment component, is dependent on the time of year, and requires more equipment and effort to implement than the riparian assessment. Therefore, the temperature monitoring component was approved to proceed before the entire study design is finalized. The vegetation assessment will be dominantly done using existing aerial photography, which is not dependent on the time of year and does not require continuous sampling over many months.

RSAG anticipates that the design for the vegetative assessment component will be completed during the winter of 2007-08.